

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 14th 2001

News from Fingal Radio Club

The Annual General meeting of the Fingal club will take place on Monday 22nd October 2001, in the club premises, Farnham Drive, Finglas at 2015 sharp.

The mini-bus day trip to the North Wales Radio Rally on Saturday 3rd November next will not take place.

Circumstances beyond the club's control including changes in ferry sailing times makes the day trip impossible.

The recent Fingal trip to the Telford Radio Rally took place on the week-end of 1st and 2nd of September. They sailed over on the 0945 sailing on the new Irish Ferries Ship ULLYSES. This is the largest cruise ferry in the world and boasts 2 cinemas running first run movies as you sail. On the technical side, it is the first ferry to generate its electricity at 10kv.

The group spent the night in Broseley, close to the famous Telford Iron Bridge. This was their 7th visit.

The rally was held this year at RAF Cosford, about 15 miles from the guesthouse. This is a new venue for the rally and attracted a high number of visitors and traders, who set up there stands amongst the aircraft on display in the various hangers.

The return trip was on the fast ferry, Jonathan Swift and they arrived safely back at Dublin Port at 2230 on the Sunday night.

They were honoured by a visit to the bridge of the fast ferry on the return journey.

London Amateur Radio Show

Now some good news for fans of the London Amateur Radio Show.

Following the cancellation of the project that was to see Lee Valley Leisure Centre re-developed into the National Athletic Stadium, RadioSport are pleased to announce that the London Amateur Radio & Computer Show will be returning to its original venue on a regular basis from next spring (and hopefully for many years to follow).

The date for the spring 2002 Show has now been confirmed as the 23rd and 24th of March.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group had their first general meeting after the summer recess on Wednesday September 26th in the Roanmore GAA Centre, Waterford City.

Guest on the night was IRTS President, Dave Moore EI4BZ. Many topics, including the new UK licensing regulations, were discussed and Dave dealt with a wide variety of questions from members about the IRTS etc.

The meeting was well attended and a good night was had by all.

Jamboree On The Air

The annual jamboree On The Air will take place next weekend and you may still have time to get involved with your local scout troop.

Please give the JOTA stations a call if you are on air over the weekend.

Marconi celebrations at Poldhu, Cornwall

Poldhu Radio Club are based on the site from where the first Trans-Atlantic signal was sent to St Johns, New Foundland on the 12th December 1901.

They have been on site for over 10 years by the grace of their patron Mr Keith Kennedy, director of the Poldhu Nursing Home (previously the Poldhu Hotel), who has let them use an outbuilding on his grounds.

Every year, on the 12th December, they link up with their sister station V01AA, at 4pm UTC, 1230 local time in Canada.

This year will be the centenary of this historic occasion and a new building is nearing completion and it will be the site for the celebrations.

The new building will house a Marconi Exhibition Centre and also the Poldhu Amateur Club. This is a three-way venture between the National Trust, owners of the site, Marconi plc and the Poldhu Club. It will be officially opened on December the

12th.

CQ Worldwide SSB Contest

The biggest opportunity of the year for DXers to enhance their totals is the CQ Worldwide SSB contest which will be held in two weeks time. It runs from Midnight utc on Friday to midnight on Sunday.

There are always quite a few EI station on for this one and records have been published in the IRTS Newsletter.

Six new EI records were set in this contest last year. Jim EI8GS set a new total on 10 metres and Tim EI8IC did likewise on 15 metres.

In the low power category, John EI7GL set a new all band total with Ken EI4DW and Declan EI6FR setting new records on 10 and 15 metres.

John EI8IR set a new mark of almost 3 million points, with over 3000 QSOs and 533 multipliers, in the all band assisted category. Congratulations to all of them on their achievements.

The oldest EI record was set by EI0REI in 1974 on 80 metres with 638 QSOs and 86 multipliers.

The full list will appear in Echo Ireland which should be with members before the event.

Contests on next weekend include the Worked all Germany on SSB and CW and the RSGB sponsored 21 and 28MHz contest on Sunday next.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555 in the evenings. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net or cyberis@e-merge.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026.

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